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TO JOSEPH W SLAVIN ASST DIRECTOR FOR FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT  
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE NOAA US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 614

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1. AT TIME OF FISHATT MEETING IN WASHINGTON LAST MAY, MR. KOLHONEN OF YOUR STAFF PRESENTED PAPER ON "NON-TARIFF BARRIERS AFFECTING U.S. FISHERY EXPORTS TO JAPAN AND EEC". HE CONCLUDED THAT FOR U.S. TO SELL LARGER CATCH IN JAPANESE MARKETS, JAPAN MUST EITHER ELIMINATE THE QUOTA SYSTEM OR INCREASE ITS IMPORT QUOTAS ON FISHERY PRODUCTS.

2. AT SUGGESTION GOJ, COMMERCE SECRETARY KREPS MAY BE PAYING COURTESY CALL ON MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY SUZUKI DURING HER VISIT TO TOKYO SEPTEMBER 26-28. CLEARLY, MINISTER SUZUKI WISHES TO DISCUSS FISHERY ISSUE AND WILL PROBABLY OUTLINE NEED OF JAPANESE PEOPLE FOR FISH PROTEIN AND FOR U.S. CONSIDERATION AT TIME FOREIGN FISHERY ALLOTMENTS ARE MADE TO SUPPLY THIS NEED THROUGH LARGER ALLOCATIONS TO JAPAN.

3. WE BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE THAT SECRETARY KREPS MENTION U.S. CONCERN THAT FISHERY IMPORT QUOTAS MAINTAINED BY JAPAN ARE DETERRENT TO FISHERY TRADE BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. SECRETARY SHOULD BE INFORMED, HOWEVER, OF DELICATE NATURE OF SITUATION CONFRONTING MINISTER SUZUKI. REMOVING IMPORT QUOTAS WILL BE INCENTIVE FOR U.S. FISHING INDUSTRY TO MOVE INTO AREAS WHERE JAPANESE ARE OPERATING, WITH END RESULT BEING SMALLER AMOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES INCLUDING JAPAN.  
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THUS, WHILE ON THE ONE HAND SUZUKI IS UNDER PRESSURE TO INCREASE FISH SUPPLY FOR PEOPLE OF JAPAN BY EVERY POSSIBLE MEANS, HE IS ALSO UNDER PRESSURE BY FISHING INDUSTRY TO MAINTAIN QUOTA SYSTEM TO PROTECT JAPANESE FLEET WHICH ALREADY HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED BECAUSE OF FOREIGN CLAIMS OF EXTENDED FISHERY JURISDICTION.

4. AS OF AUGUST THIS YEAR, FOLLOWING REMAIN UNDER QUOTA:

IMPORT

CODE NO.	ITEM
03.01	LIVE, FRESH, CHILLED OR FROZEN HERRING, COD (INCLUDING POLLOCK), YELLOWTAIL, MACKEREL, JACK MACKEREL, SARDINE, SAURY AND ROE OF COD (INCLUDING POLLOCK)
03.02	SALTED, IN BRINE OR DRIED HERRING, COD (INCLUDING POLLOCK), YELLOWTAIL, MACKEREL, JACK MACKEREL, SARDINE, SAURY AND ROE OF COD (INCLUDING POLLOCK)
03.02	SMOKED HERRING
03.03	LIVE, FRESH, CHILLED, FROZEN, SALTED, IN BRINE OR DRIED SQUID (INCLUDING CUTTLEFISH) SCALLOP AND SHELLFISH ADDUCTOR (LIGAMENT)
12.08	WET OR DRIED EDIBLE SEAWEEDS ("NORI" AND KELP)
21.07	PREPARED EDIBLE SEAWEEDS ("NORI" AND KELP)

5. RECOMMEND THAT NMFS PREPARE BRIEFING PAPER FOR SECRETARY KREPS  
REQUESTING THAT GOJ EITHER ABOLISH QUOTA SYSTEM ON MARINE PRODUCTS  
OR INCREASE PRESENT QUOTAS, FOR CONSIDERATION AS TOPIC OF BRIEF  
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PRESENTATION AT PROPOSED MEETING WITH MINISTER SUZUKI.  
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